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EXPORT OF RICE AND TEA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of tea and rice exported during the last three years alongwith the foreign exchange earned thereby;

(b) whether the Indian exporters have received the full payment for their items;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether some consignments have not been lifted by the importers and returned back the same to Indian exporters;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to solve the matter and also to increase the export of rice and tea?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)
(a) The total quantity and value of rice (basmati and non-basmati) and tea exported during the last three years are as under:-
(Rice:Qty: in MT, Value: Rs.Crores)

(Tea: Qty. In Mn.Kgs., Value in Rs.crores)

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000(Prov.) (Apr-July 2000 Prov.)		2000-2001	
Item	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Basmati Rice	593323	1685.62	597793	1876.91	606468	1735.94	357642	869.16
Non-basmati rice	1795743	1685.38	4365888	4403.85	1216681	1369.43	174424	226.95
Tea	211.26	2003.15	205.86	2191.84	192.31	1922.31	55.60	468.38

(Source: DGCI&S/Tea Board, Calcutta)

(b) & (c) : Data on receipt of payments by exporters is not maintained.
(d) : No such case has been reported.
(e)& (f) : Do not arise. However some of the steps taken to increase the export of rice and tea include conducting publicity campaigns, sending delegations abroad, participating in International trade fairs, inviting potential buyers and providing financial assistance to exporters for improving quality, packaging, brand promotion of products and for conducting market surveys.